

RULE

Department of Health and Hospitals Office of the Secretary Bureau of Health Services Financing

Chiropractic Care

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing has adopted the following rule in the Medical Assistance Program to comply with Louisiana Constitution Article 7, Section 10, R.S. 39:73 and R.S. 77, which requires that the secretary not incur obligations or expenditures in excess of the funds appropriated.

Act 16, Schedule 9, of the 1995 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session directs: "The secretary shall implement reductions in the Medicaid Program as necessary to control expenditures to the level approved in this schedule. The secretary is hereby directed to utilize various cost containment measures to accomplish these reductions, including but not limited to precertification, pre-admission screening, and utilization review, and other measures as allowed by federal law".

The following proposed rule is also adopted as authorized by R.S. 46:153 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This rule is in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

Rule

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopts the following provisions governing chiropractic care under the Professional Services Program of the Medicaid Program.

I. Effective for dates of service December 1, 1995 and after, coverage for chiropractic services under the State Plan is suspended.

II. Effective for dates of service December 1, 1995 and after recipients of the Early Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic Treatment Program (EPSDT) are eligible to receive only mandatory medically necessary manual manipulations of the spine, specifically procedure codes 97260 and 97261. Also, these services may be reimbursed by the Medicaid Program only if provided on the basis of a referral of a medical screening provider of the Early Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic Treatment Program.

III. Effective November 9, 1995 reimbursement for chiropractic dates of service prior to December 1, 1995 is provided in accordance with the following requirements.

A. General Provisions

1. Chiropractors' services consist of diagnostic and treatment services which are within the scope of practice for chiropractors under state law and regulations.

2. An encounter is defined as any visit in which any of the services listed in the Professional Services Program Manual are rendered which are included under the selected CPT treatment codes.

3. All chiropractic treatment services for recipients under the age of 21 shall be prior authorized.

B. Service Limits

1. One diagnostic evaluation per 180 days per recipient not to exceed two diagnostic evaluations per calendar year per recipient will be allowed.

2. Radiology services are limited to \$50 per recipient per 180 days not to exceed \$100 per calendar year per recipient.

3. Recipients 21 years of age and older are allowed 18 chiropractic encounters or treatment services per calendar year. No extension of this number shall be granted.

C. Reimbursement

1. Reimbursement is provided to chiropractors who are licensed by the state to provide chiropractic care and services and who are enrolled in the Medicaid Program as an enrolled provider.

2. Reimbursement is made in accordance with the following designated CPT codes under a maximum fee schedule for billable codes established by the Professional Services Program for each chiropractic service rendered to a Medicaid eligible individual.

Procedure Code	Proposed Rate
97010	\$ 7.41
97012	\$ 5.31
97014	\$ 7.41
97020	\$ 4.88
97022	\$ 6.65
97024	\$ 4.88
97026	\$ 4.88
97028	\$ 1.66
97039	\$ 6.65

97110	\$ 8.08
97112	\$ 8.08
97032	\$ 8.08
97122	\$ 3.85
97124	\$ 5.05
97034	\$ 6.65
97035	\$ 3.85
97139	\$ 6.65
97036	\$11.09
97250	\$12.94
97260	\$ 8.00
97261	\$ 3.54

IV. The Bureau of Health Services Financing will reimburse claims for chiropractic services up to the extent that funds are authorized by legislative appropriation for these services.

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